



## Frogwell Primary School Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

### Attendance

This week's whole-school attendance was 93.6%, which is unfortunately quite low. The top classes were:

1. Donaldson Class 98.7%
2. Morpurgo Class 98.6%
3. King-Smith Class 97%

The highest attending class (or classes!) each week wins extra playtime or another activity chosen by the class. *We have also introduced a bigger class prize/reward at the end of each term for the class that has the highest attendance overall for that term – last term it was Halls Class who chose some lovely new train set toys for their class as their prize. Who will it be this term?* Please remember that the school is required to refer children who have 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence to the Education Welfare Officer, and that each school day has two sessions. Our full Attendance Policy can be found on the school website.

### Non-uniform day 1<sup>st</sup> December

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December we are having a non-uniform day in exchange for items for the Christmas Fair tombola instead of money. Potter, EYFS and KS1 classes need to bring **chocolate items**. KS2 classes and McKee need to bring **bottle items** (alcohol is permitted but must handed in by an adult to the front office for secure storage - things like bubble bath can be collected in classes). Please make sure that children's chosen non-uniform outfits are still suitable for school, i.e. safe for active play and obviously nothing inappropriate.

### Collecting children from school

It is essential that you let school know if anyone other than the usual adult will be collecting your child from school. We will not release a child to an adult other than their usual collecting person unless we have been told by you. Another parent telling us they are collecting your child is not adequate, even if we know them.

### Children's news

#### Life Education sessions

All our classes had sessions this week with Louisa from Coram Life Education as part of our PSHE curriculum. The sessions covered a whole range of things as appropriate for different age groups, including friendship, mental wellbeing, making safe and healthy choices and drugs awareness.

#### Mini Police club

Some children from Years 5 and 6 have joined the Mini Police Club that started this week. This is an initiative from Wiltshire Police. The main aim of the Mini Police programme is to increase trust and confidence with young people, their families and communities, and to develop skills and self-esteem in the pupils who participate. The Mini Police programme supports the principles of preventing crime, reducing anti-social behaviour and reassuring communities. However, most importantly the programme is designed to be fun and engaging for young people in Upper Key Stage 2! We are working with PC Jessica Swanborough and PCSO Stacey Cunningham and are looking forward to different sessions across the year. For our first session, we were joined by some of the parents and carers too, who watched the children make their 'Mini Police Officer Promise' and wear their special uniforms.



## Anti-Bullying Week

National Anti-Bullying Week was in the week of 13<sup>th</sup> November but at Frogwell we focused on this important issue for two weeks! The theme of this year's Anti-Bullying Week, led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance was '**Make a noise about bullying**' and we had special assemblies and discussed it in our classes. We have updated the poster we use around the school, and our Student Council is also going to be working on creating a child-friendly version of our anti-bullying policy.

If you are worried about bullying or think your child might be being bullied, please make an appointment to talk to their class teacher.

There is also lots of information available about bullying and support at <https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/>



### What is bullying?

Bullying is *persistent* action taken by one or more people with the *deliberate intention* of hurting another person, either physically or emotionally. Bullying can take many forms and it can happen in person, online via social media apps, via mobile phone texts or other messaging systems, or through physical notes.

There are four main types of bullying:

**Physical:** e.g. *persistent* hitting, pushing, kicking, pinching, other violence and taking things.

**Verbal:** *persistent* name-calling, put-downs, sarcasm, racist or homophobic remarks, *persistent* teasing, threatening comments.

**Indirect:** spreading malicious rumours, deliberately excluding someone from social groups.

**Cyber/online:** this includes all areas of the internet, such as social media apps, email and internet chat room misuse. Mobile threats through text messaging and calls. Misuse of associated technology i.e. camera and video facilities.

This is not an exhaustive list of possible bullying behaviours.

Our school Anti-Bullying policy says:

- *Bullying is persistent action taken by one or more people with the deliberate intention of hurting another person, either physically or emotionally.*
- *Bullying can take many forms and it can happen in person, online via social media, via mobile phone texts or other messaging systems, or through physical notes.*
- *Bullying does not just occur between children. Bullying can also be perpetrated by children on adults, by adults on children and by adults on other adults.*

The STOP poster is one we use a lot in school to help children remember what bullying is and who they can get help from if they are worried. We display it in all classrooms and around school in the corridors where children can see it every day. We also have "worry boxes" in every class, at Froggy Fun Club and outside the Den so children have an extra way to report anything they are worried about and get help.

### Out of school achievements!

**Kaci K** has been awarded the Star Of The Week at St John Ambulance Badgers group for her brilliant contributions to their discussions. Well done, Kaci!

## Diary dates for 2023-24

<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Open Classrooms 15.15-15.40
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Non-uniform day for tombola donations
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Parent Pond Christmas Fair
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS/KS1 nativity (school hall) 14.15
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS/KS1 nativity (school hall) 09.30
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Wear a Christmas Jumper to school day
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KS2 carol concert at Ladyfield Church 14.15 (not whole school this year). There will be refreshments available from 13.45</li><li>• EYFS/KS1 Christmas parties</li></ul>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children's Christmas lunch</li><li>• Parent Pond Children's Discos</li></ul>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KS2 Christmas parties</li><li>• Last day of Term 2</li></ul>

### Remaining Teacher Training Day dates for 2023/24

The school will be closed to children on:

- Monday 19th February 2024
- Thursday 28th March 2024
- Friday 5th July 2024

## News from the Parent Pond (our Parent-School-Friends Association)



Tickets for our Santa's Grotto, Christmas Disco and Raffle are available now on Classlist!

Our Christmas Raffle tickets are selling fast and we are securing more and more amazing prizes in the lead up to the draw so be sure to check regularly for updates.

If you have not yet, please be sure to download the Classlist app and sign up to The Parent Pond. It is completely free and will allow you to view all upcoming events and pay for tickets ahead of time.

We will be offering drop in sessions for those that need assistance setting up Classlist; please keep an eye out for upcoming dates. Alternatively, please email us if you have any problems or come and find one of us on the playground - we're happy to help!

A massive thank you to everyone that participated in our Pennies for Pudsey Challenge; we raised an incredible **£161.35 for Children in Need**.



If you're preparing to start your Christmas shopping please consider signing up to [easyfundraising](#) and shopping through their links. It is completely free to use but can help raise funds for The Parent Pond.

If you have any questions for us, feel free to contact us at [theparentpond23@gmail.com](mailto:theparentpond23@gmail.com) and be sure to follow us on Facebook to stay up to date on all upcoming events and activities.



## The Parent Pond Christmas Raffle



**An amazing selection of prizes worth over £900 are up for grabs at this year's Christmas Raffle!**

### Prizes Include

£100 Cash  
Christmas Hamper  
Annual Family Pass for Blenheim Palace (worth £90)  
Car Paint Enhancement from DD Detailing (worth £160)  
Caleno Drinks Hamper (worth £72)  
Toy Hamper from Corsham Toy Shop (worth £70)  
Family Day Ticket from Bowood (worth £57)  
6 Bottles of Prosecco (worth £40)  
£40 Voucher from Baby Blooms  
Hair Treatment from HepCats (worth £39)  
Handmade Stationary Set from Emily Nash Illustrations (worth £35)  
Handmade Cape & Mask from Wild Things Dresses (worth £35)  
Entry Tickets for 2 to Cotswold Wildlife Park (worth £30)  
Gel Polish from Songbird Beauty (worth £30)  
£30 Voucher from Avon Valley Adventure & Wildlife Park  
Bottle of Prosecco from Old Road Tavern (worth £26.95)  
Gift Card from Boomerang (worth £23)  
Unlimited Rides for 2 at The Grand Pier (worth £22.50)  
Entry Tickets for 2 to Roves Farm (worth £21.60)  
Mens Wet Shave from HepCats (worth £20)  
£20 Voucher from SJ's Cafe  
Tickets for 2 to The Egg Theatre (worth £20)  
£20 Voucher from CEX  
Weaning Set from Noonie Earth (worth £14.99)  
Free Table for 2 at Bargammons (worth £11.20)

### .... And More!

Tickets are available now for £1 each via Classlist.

Contact us at [theparentpond23@gmail.com](mailto:theparentpond23@gmail.com) if you need assistance purchasing.

